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> Municipalities - City Commissions - City Councils -Legislation

Class IV municipality may change form of government to mayor-council under the laws of Alabama.

Dear Representative Bugg:

You have requested an opinion of this office respecting the following questions:

- "1. Is a separate legislative act necessary for a municipality changing to mayor-council to operate as a mayor-council government or is the Alabama Code adequate for operations?
- "2. If an act is needed, should it be a local act or one for Class IV municipalities?
- "3. Would a Class IV municipality act affect or alter existing Class IV municipality acts (e.g. Act No. 85-107)?"

The answer to your first question is, generally, negative in that the <u>Code</u> provides for a city to operate under a mayor-council government. However, the desirability of additional legislation is a political and factual matter to be addressed by local officials and the legislature.

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The answer to your first question moots your second question.

Regarding your third question, we cannot give an answer as it would depend upon the wording of the proposed Act.

If this office can be of further assistance to you, please let us know.

Yours very truly,

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